

REMARKS

In reply to the Office Action of October 3, 2007, Applicant submits the following remarks. Claims 1-2, 4, 7, 10-14, 20 and 46 have been amended. Claim 3 is now canceled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for finding claims 3, 7-21 and 43-45 merely objected to, but would be allowable if placed in independent form. Claims 1-2 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 3 therein. Claim 2 has also been amended to delete “and the spacer particles having a non-spherical shape”. Claims 4, 7, 10-13 and 20 have been amended to correct dependency, either due to the cancellation of claim 3 or to provide proper antecedent basis for the term “density”. Claim 14 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 1, and the claim is now independent. Claim 46 has been amended to change “wherein the spacer particles each comprise a profile having a bottom surface that is flat and is the widest portion of the particle” to “wherein the spacer particles each comprise a profile having a bottom surface that is flat and is wider than any other portion of the particle”. Claims 49-47 are new. New claims 49-50 include subject matter from claim 2. Claims 51-57 correspond to claims 7-13.

Applicant believes that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections.

Information Disclosure Statement

The applicant requests that the Examiner consider the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 9, 2007.

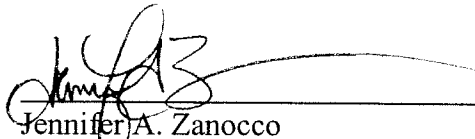
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Respectfully submitted,

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